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Dear Tom,

Thanks for finding the time and for your note of the 4th.

Gerry said you had in interest in or were curious about motivation in reaction, if I recall correctly. On my part it began with shock and the obvious failures of government and as I learned more added other things until I could not avoid the fact that it was a coup d'etat because whatever the intent of the assassination of any president it is an automatic coup d'etat the way our system works.

The first reactions I remember from the earliest radio and TV shows and from the earliest mail was, I think now, shock, outrage and disbelief.

I have saved all the letters and they can provide a better answer and, I think, a fine sociological study.

Best,

Harold Weisberg